

writing the state information to a medium in a defined format;
reading the state information from the medium, automatically configuring a hard disk
based on the hard disk state, and providing a restoration environment; and
launching the at least one restore program.

25. (Amended) A method for backing up a computer system for subsequent
restoration, comprising:
collecting restore information, including hard disk configuration information, registry
information, a catalog of unchangeable files and at least one instruction for launching at least
one restore program; and
recording at least part of the restore information to at least one medium, the restore
information written to a file structured in a defined format.

34. (Amended) A method for restoring a computer system, comprising:
reading restore information from a file structured in a defined format, the restore
information including saved hard disk configuration information, registry information, a catalog
of unchangeable files and at least one instruction for launching at least one restore program;
and
restoring the computer system by configuring at least part of the system based on the
restore information, and by executing the at least one instruction.